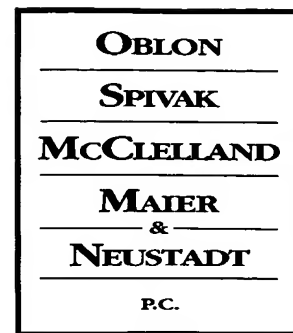




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/743,468
Applicants: Daniel LITAIZE, et al.
Filing Date: December 23, 2003
For: PROCESS FOR EXCHANGING INFORMATION IN
A MULTIPROCESSOR SYSTEM
Group Art Unit: 2157
Examiner: NOT ASSIGNED

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

RESPONSE

Our credit card payment form in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Notice Regarding Benefit/Priority Claim(s) dated April 29, 2004, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, Applicants have the following remarks.

On April 21, 2004, Applicants filed a Request for Corrected Filing Receipt to clarify that U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/400,113 (from which the present application claims priority) is a National Stage Application under 35 USC 371 of PCT/FR/88/00608, filed December 9, 1988. The April 29, 2004 Notice from the USPTO reads:

Applicant submitted a benefit claim to a prior-filed nonprovisional application and improperly indicated that the prior-filed application is a national stage application under 35 USC 371. The Office's records show that the prior-filed application is an application filed under 35 USC 111(a). The Office has entered the benefit claim to the prior-filed application as a benefit claim to an application filed under 35 USC 111(a). Any request for a correct filing receipt to include the indication that the prior filed application is a national stage application will not be granted unless applicant supplies evidence that the prior application was in fact a national stage application. Accordingly, applicant should not submit such request without such evidence. Applicant should submit an amendment (or an application data sheet (ADS) if the benefit

claim was submitted in an ADS) to delete the indication that the prior-filed application is a national stage application.

Evidence

Attached as Exhibit B are three pages from the file history of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/024,803, which is a file wrapper continuation of Application Serial No. 07/400,113. The latter application is the application wherein the Notice states that the Office's records indicate is not a National Stage Application under 35 USC 371.

Page "200198" of Exhibit B titled NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 USC 371 OF PCT/FR88/00608, filed 9 December 1988.

Page "200068" of Exhibit B further confirms the National Stage relationship between U.S. Application Serial No. 07/400,113 and PCT/FR88/00608 by the handwritten insertion of the Examiner which reads:

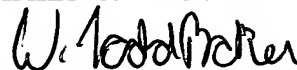
This application is a cont[ination] of Serial No. 07/400,113, filed August 14, 1989, now abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/FR88/00608 filed Dec[ember] 9, 1988.

Request

Based on the submission of the accompanying evidence, Applicants request a Corrected Filing Receipt.

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